

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice to All Interested Parties

Proposed Availability of FY 2007 Competitive Grant Funds

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is providing notice of the proposed availability of competitive grant funds to provide civil legal services to eligible clients during calendar year 2007. In accordance with LSC's multi-year funding policy, grant applications will be accepted for only specified service areas. LSC will publish the service areas in competition for 2007 funding in the Federal Register and at www.ain.lsc.gov during the week of April 10, 2006.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available from www.ain.lsc.gov during the week of April 17, 2006. Once at the website, click on "Bulletin Board," to access the RFP and other important information pertaining to the LSC competitive bidding process.

Pursuant to the LSC regulation governing the competitive bidding process (45 C.F.R. 1634), a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) must be filed. The due date for filing the NIC is May 22, 2006, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. The deadline for filing grant applications is June 15, 2006, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T.

The following persons, groups, and entities are qualified applicants who may submit a NIC and an application to participate in the competitive bidding process: 1) current LSC recipients; 2) nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients; 3) private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms; 4) state or local governments; and 5) substate regional planning and coordination agencies.

LSC has established a service desk to respond to applicant inquiries regarding the competitive bidding process. Please submit inquiries to the competition service desk by e-mail to competition@lsc.gov.

LSC will hold an Applicant Information Session, on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 (2:00 p.m. E.D.T.). This is a free telephonic conference sponsored by LSC to assist applicants in preparing the competitive grant application and to promote participation in the competitive bidding process. See Appendix H of the RFP for details about the conference, or contact the competition service desk.